

STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Aids for the Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

Authorization: s. 23.09(20), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XII, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 50% of the funds appropriated for the Stewardship Local Assistance Grants; up to \$4 million annually (pending any legislative changes).

Objective: To acquire land, rights in land, and develop public outdoor recreation areas for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes.

Eligibility: Towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats. The county, municipality, or Indian tribe must have an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Level of Assistance: Up to 50% matching grants.

Priorities: Acquisition of land where a scarcity of nature-based outdoor recreation areas exists. Projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

Eligible Types of Projects: Acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas that provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. The project must be part of an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Examples of support facilities include parking areas, sanitary and shelter buildings, signs, interpretive items, and disabled accessibility improvements. Examples of ineligible facilities include sportsfields and tennis courts.

Applications: Applications and instructions are available from DNR regional Community Service Specialists and are due to the regional office by May 1 each year.

History: The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program was originally launched in 1990 and in its first 10 years was an outstanding success story in achieving its conservation and recreation goals by providing funding for land and easement acquisition and development of recreational facilities. With strong bipartisan support, the Stewardship program was renewed for an additional ten years as part of the 1999-01 Wisconsin State Budget. The ADLP Local Assistance grant program was introduced as part of the original Stewardship Program. The source of funds is through general obligation borrowing. The state of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors now to raise the funds, then pays back the debt over the next 20 years.

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